

## **City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission**

### **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF September 10, 2014**

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Present: Ken Hornecker, Oogie Lamar, Ed McGregor, Dave Skinner, Aaron Velthouse, Doug Wustman

Absent: Doug Broek, Robert Cook, Megan Harley, Eric Hartfield, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)

Guest:

Staff Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Gloria Pelton

- A. Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission** – Chairperson Doug Wustman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by Ken Hornecker to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Ed McGregor. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Meeting** – A motion was made by Dave Skinner and seconded by Ken Hornecker to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None**
- E. Ideal Park**
- **Tornado Response Update** – Last Tuesday a bid was awarded to West MI Tree Removal for the bid amount of just over \$400,000. The General insurance repairs such as the fascia on the lodge, rafters on the shelter, and security cameras were just under \$60,000. VanderKodde Construction has accepted the job for the general insurance repairs for the insurance agreed amount and will begin after the temporary bridge is put in place and tree removal is completed. The playground area will be estimated for replacement cost. Ken Hornecker asked how the ADA will play into the replacement cost and was reassured by Rebecca that it will be taken into consideration throughout the process. A temporary Bridge for the cost of \$52,000 will be built once we have received the permit from DEQ, then should be able to start within 1 week thereafter. The neighbors in the Ideal Park area have been wonderful. Permit fees are being waived for tornado victims. Budget amendments will be necessary throughout the process.
  - **Master Plan** – RFP is due back on September 23. The process will include public meetings and opportunities for public input. Rebecca encouraged members of the committee who want to be involved in the interview process and assist with the recommendation to volunteer. Aaron Velthouse accepted her offer to do so.
- F. TEAM 21 Health Care Law Impact Discussions** – The Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) has forced the program to assess which of the 15 site coordinator may be eligible for healthcare. The plan year starts September 1, 2015. There is no additional money from the grant to cover the additional cost. If all 15 positions qualified for family health care the cost would be over \$290,000 for the family plan and \$104,000 for single. This additional cost would decimate the program. The priority for the program is to protect the integrity and the impact to the children. The City is evaluating what is best in sustaining the program and whether or not we would choose to pay the penalty. Another option may be to contract all employees.

- G. June 2014 Preliminary Year-End Financial Report** – Rebecca briefly went over Revenue and Expense totals on page 24 of the Budget Performance Report that was distributed. The major concern of the commission is how much of the fund balance will be used up for the Ideal Park re-development. A depleted fund balance will restrict our ability to write for grants. If needed, the council could consider contributing from General Fund at that time. Rebecca indicated that the commission may send correspondence at any time to the Council noting their concerns.
- H. Pinery Park Little League Public Inquiries, Lease, etc. – The City has** not received the requested balance sheet documents from them. They say that they are working with an accountant. We have given them until September 30, 2014 to clear things up with their non-profit status with the State of Michigan. If they do not meet the deadline, they will be asked to vacate the office building that they are leasing at Pinery Park. We don't want this to affect the children directly so at this time the Recreation Facilities Use Agreement would remain temporarily in place. We are given to understand that PPLL is having an election for a new board on September 17. The City offered to assist with election notification mailing to all who have children in the program but our offer was rejected so we are not sure how or if they are letting members know of the election.
- I Capital Projects Update**
- **Wyoming Senior Center Community Room Renovations** – We continue to have concerns with floor and tables. There has been no resolve with the flooring concerns. Rebecca and staff have met with the involved parties on the project.
  - **Buck Creek Nature Trail Removal** - .Proposals for demotion are due back Sept 16, 2014.
- J. General Updates**
- **Alcohol Permits/Beer Tents in Parks Update** – Rebecca received comments from a couple of the commissioners. Rebecca is awaiting final comment from the Chief of Public Safety and the City Attorney.
  - **FY 2013 Community Benefit Report**
  - **Marquette** – The garden is in.
- K. Commissioner Recruitment** – We have one vacancy.
- L. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** - None
- M. Public Comment in General (Limit to 3 minutes)** – None
- N. Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting** – Motion to adjourn was made by Ed McGregor and seconded by Oogie Lamar. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria Pelton  
Recording Secretary